

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant : Erik J. van der Burg et al.  
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LEFT  
ATRIAL APPENDAGE OCCLUSION  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit : 3731

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:


Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing twenty-nine (29) references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	2.	5,108,418	04/28/92	Lefebvre			
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	19.	US 2003/0023262 A1	01/30/03	Welch			
	20.	US 2003/0023266 A1	01/30/03	Borillo et al.			
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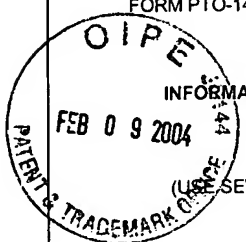
## OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

	24.	Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/435,562, filed on November 11, 1999, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al.; a Restriction Requirement mailed December 11, 2001, Response to Restriction Requirement filed January 10, 2002, an Office Action mailed May 30, 2002, an Amendment filed October 11, 2002, an Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, a Preliminary Amendment filed July 2, 2003, and an Office Action mailed September 5, 2003. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b> Amendment filed 11/3/03 and an Office Action mailed January 30, 2003 <b>ARE ENCLOSED.</b> U.S. Application No. 09/435,562 has been assigned to Examiner Glenn K. Dawson.
	25.	Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/033,371, filed on October 19, 2001, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkhahan et al.; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0111647 A1, published August 15, 2002; a Restriction Requirement mailed January 6, 2003, a Response to Restriction Requirement filed May 5, 2003, an Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, and Amendment filed August 20, 2003. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b> Office Action mailed 11/14/03 <b>IS ENCLOSED.</b> U.S. Application No. 10/033,371 has been assigned to Examiner Glenn K. Dawson.
	26..	Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/364,910, filed on February 11, 2003, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al.; a Preliminary Amendment, filed July 24, 2003. U.S. Application No. 10/364,910 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b>
	27	Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/641,818, filed on August 15, 2003, in the name of Erik J. Van Der Burg et al. U.S. Application No. 10/641,818 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b>

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	28. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/441,492, filed on May 19, 2003, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkhahan et al. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b> Office Action mailed 12/22/03 IS ENCLOSED. U.S. Application No. 10/441,492 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner.
	29. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/441,468, filed on May 19, 2003, in the name of Alexander K. Khairkhahan et al. U.S. Application No. 10/441,468 has been not yet been assigned to an Examiner. <b>DOCUMENTS WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.</b>

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